

**Task 4.2 – Background paper on the  
Bilateral Event Italy-France  
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# MSP-MED | Bilateral Meeting Italy-France

## 04/10/2022 (09:00-13:00 CET)

### *Addressing transboundary uses: data to guide enforcement of plans*

Maritime Spatial Planning is expected to achieve its goals by ensuring transboundary cooperation as stated in Article 11 of the MSP Directive (2014/89/EU) “Cooperation among Member States: 1. As part of the planning and management process, Member States bordering marine waters shall cooperate with the aim of ensuring that maritime spatial plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned. Such cooperation shall consider, in particular, issues of a transnational nature.”

The MSPMED project was established in regard of these indications provided by the Directive and to foster harmonization of plans in the Mediterranean region, in particular WP4- Sharing Experiences Across Countries- was conceived to facilitate the exchanges via transboundary meetings; this event is therefore focusing on uses that happens in neighbouring areas and may cross borders in terms of flows and broader impacts: namely they are maritime traffic, especially linked to ship transporting goods, touristic fluxes, energy, surveillance and military activities.

The area shared by France and Italy in the Northern Tyrrhenian Sea is at the crossroads for trade and major tourist destination, with high frequentation of the coast extremely important at all seasons. The Mediterranean Sea is one of the most used maritime road in the world, with major harbours in the French-Italian Mediterranean (Marseille, Genova, Toulon, La Spezia, Savona, Livorno, Olbia) that host activities related to commercial shipping, passenger transportation, and military actions. Moreover several important recreational ports can be found (Nice, Cannes, Bastia Sanremo, Portofino, Porto Cervo, etc).

The area is also of importance for biodiversity, and one of its hot spot, as testified by the presence of the Pelagos Sanctuary and of several Natura 2000 areas. Within this biodiversity area, marine mammals are considered as one of the endangered species.

The co-existence of both maritime traffic and cetaceans is unfortunately stained with collision of cetaceans. The maritime traffic in the area is expected to increase both in intensity and number of roads in the coming years. With this in mind, the EU Member States of the western area of the Mediterranean Sea, France, Italy, Monaco and Spain have decided to propose effective measures to mitigate the risk of ship collisions and reduce underwater noise in the area under the form of a PSSA (Particularly Sea Sensitive Area).

During the lifetime of the MSP-MED project a set of events involving French and Italian authorities working on security and biodiversity protection in the area took place and there is the need to

bring together some of the results and the participants (MSP-MED and RAMOGE Meeting, MSP-MED Trilateral Meeting).

**The recent agreement for a PSSA proposal among France Spain and Italy is identified as main topic of relevance to investigate how it will integrate MSP plans for effective implementation.**

### *Why is it important to tackle this topic?*

Enforcement of regulations for sensible or protected areas is always a delicate action, especially across borders. Common datasets and/or data standards and coordinated actions can greatly ease the enforcement in these peculiar areas and support the exchange of good practices between neighbouring countries.

A project proposal for the creation of a large Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the Mediterranean for the protection of cetaceans was presented by France, Italy, Monaco and Spain to the European Council and officially submitted to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretariat in early September this year.

This proposal is a concrete illustration of the various steps and aspects involved in terms of both maritime spatial planning (MSP) and security and surveillance. Italian and French partners of the MSP-MED project are taking this opportunity to invite the respective stakeholders involved to communicate and exchange on the process of creation and management of PSSAs. The workshop will involve the national respective authorities involved as well as experts and representatives of existing initiatives for marine protected areas.

More information on the topic can be found at the official EC working document, available at this [link](#).

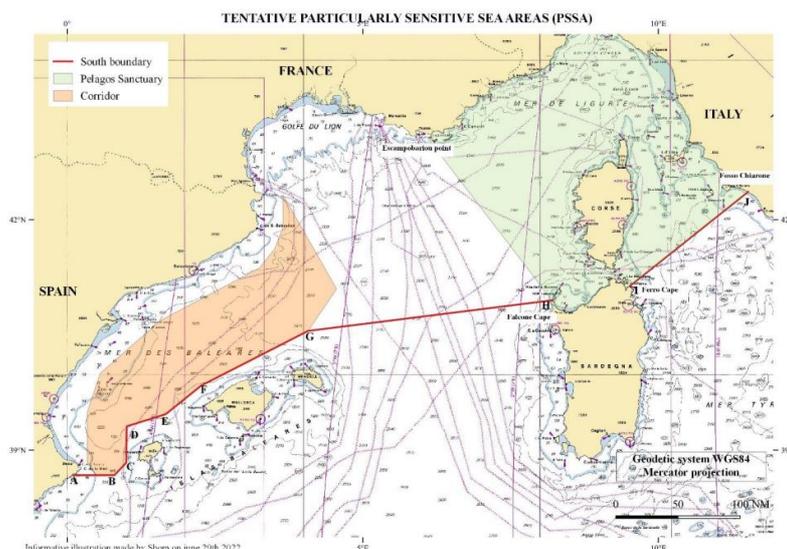


Figure 1: proposed NW Med PSSA (Source: SHOM)

The establishment of new transboundary sensible areas, such as the new PSSA France-Spain-Italy proposed to the IMO, may have important effects on the transboundary implementation of MSP.

### ***What are the objectives of this sixth MSP-MED bilateral workshop?***

The workshop aims at creating an environment for exchange between France and Italy on transboundary maritime uses and main issues that may ease shared planning and enforcement of the plans through coordinated surveillance and management. A focus will be offered to the definition and integration into MSP of large PSSA in the Mediterranean.

**The main goal of this workshop is to identify priority aspects of interest to be considered in relation to the protection measures, especially those affecting speed limitation.**

**The invitation will be enlarged to representatives of RAMOGE, PELAGOS, ACCOBAMS secretariat and Spanish experts as observers.**

### ***What should be addressed during this workshop?***

Giving the different national approaches to uses happening in areas of intense anthropic presence, the event will be subdivided as follows: Greetings, A set of presentations of issues and ongoing cases, an open discussion, closing remarks.

#### ***ATTENTION:***

The event will take place online, registration is compulsory at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0lCuCsqjstHt0V9qfdDpAq6zAITMZusa6V>

### ***PROGRAMME***

#### ***1) Greetings***

Greeting from the MSP-MED Coordinator: project advancements and national process update.  
Greetings from Accobams: Challenges, Achievements, Limitations TBC  
Greetings from EU DG MARE TBC

#### ***2) Presentation of the PSSA and national approaches***

**Mediterranean PSSA: the proposal, interaction with French MSP and its challenges – MTE TBC**

**PSSA, Italian national approach and vision -MITE TBC**

## **PSSA scientific implications and relationships with PELAGOS - ISPRA**

### **French approach**

**Strategic aspect: strategic interests of extended surface, relevance, challenges – DGAMPA TBC**

**Operational aspect and enforcement – Premar TBC**

### **Italian Approach**

**Presentation of Regional (Tuscany and Sardinia) main vision and measures considering MSP, Maritime traffic and natural protection.**

**Data driven protection: gaps, needs, future steps**

**Tools and Innovation: national platforms for nautical information**

**France: future PING national platform for nautical information - Shom**

**Italy: TBD**

### ***3) Open discussion***

A moment of exchange to enlarge the scope of the presentations.

### ***4) Closing greetings***

A final moment to summarize the key elements of the meeting.

## ***Essential references used for this background paper***

[Directive 2014/89/EU establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning](#)

[Marine Spatial Planning \(MSP\) Toolkit \(Chapter 4\)](#)

[Marine Spatial Planning A Step by Step Approach toward Ecosystem-Based Management \(Chapter 4\)](#)

[MSPglobal International Guide on Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning](#)

[COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Union submission to the the 79th session of the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee proposing to designate a Particular Sensitive Sea Area in the North-Western Mediterranean Sea to protect cetaceans from international shipping](#)

[Côte D'Azur Chiffres Clé 2018](#)

[Liguria cifre turismo](#)